



A formerly sunken boat stands upright into the air with its stern buried in the mud along the shoreline of Lake Mead at the Lake Mead National Recreation Area on June 22, 2022, near Boulder City, Nev.

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New U.S. plan could lead to federal action on Colorado River

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FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. (AP) — The Interior Department announced Friday that it will consider revising a set of guidelines for operating two major dams on the Colorado River in the first sign of what could lead to federal action to protect the once-massive but shrinking reservoirs behind them. The public has until Dec. 20 to weigh in on three options that seek to keep Lake Mead and Lake Powell from dropping so low

they couldn't produce power or provide the water that seven Western states, Mexico and tribes have relied on for decades. One of the options would allow the Interior Department's U.S. Bureau of Reclamation to take unilateral action, as it threatened this summer when it asked states to come up with ways to significantly reduce their use beyond what they've already volunteered and were mandated to cut.

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"The Interior Department continues to pursue a collaborative and consensus-based approach to addressing the drought crisis afflicting the West," Interior Secretary Deb Haaland said in a statement. "At the same time, we are committed to taking prompt and decisive action necessary to protect the Colorado River System and all those who depend on it."

The agency's announcement comes more than four months after Reclamation Commissioner Camille Touton first told Congress that water use must be cut back dramatically as drought and overuse tax the river — an essential supply of water for farmers, cities and tribes in the U.S. West, as well as Mexico.

The seven states that tap the river failed to reach Touton's initial August deadline and have been working ever since to reach a compromise. It now appears unlikely a grand deal will be reached. In the meantime, the bureau has offered up billions in federal money to pay farmers and cities to cut back.

But Interior's new action marks the first time it's taking a clear step toward imposing its own, mandatory cuts. The agency anticipates changes to the conditions at which water



The Colorado River flows through the Grand Canyon on the Hualapai reservation on Aug. 15, 2022, in northwestern Arizona.

shortages are declared in the river's lower basin. Lake Mead and Lake Powell were about half full when the 2007 guidelines were approved and are now about one-quarter full.

The other two options under the Bureau of Reclamation's plan are to let states, tribes, and non-governmental organizations reach consensus, or do nothing, which is a standard alternative in environmental impact statements.

The Bureau of Reclamation expects to produce a draft next spring based on public input. A final decision could come in late summer

of 2023 around the time the bureau announces any water cuts for the following year.

The 2007 guidelines and an overlapping drought contingency plan approved in 2019 were meant to give states more certainty in their water supply. For the lower basin states — California, Arizona and Nevada — the agreements set elevation levels at Lake Mead on the Arizona-Nevada border at which they are subjected to mandatory and voluntary reductions. Mexico also shoulders cuts.

Water users have been delayed in renegotiating the

agreements that expire in 2026 because the drought and climate change have forced quicker action.

Nevada, Arizona and Mexico will have to cut their water use in 2023 for a second year in a row under existing agreements. California is looped in at lower elevations in Lake Mead. Arizona was forced to give up 21% of its total Colorado River supply. Farmers in central Arizona, tribes and growing cities like Scottsdale are feeling the impacts.

Tom Buschatzke, director of the Arizona Department of Water Resources, said he's been hoping the bureau

would require cuts from water users rather than rely on voluntary action. But he also warned the prospect of mandatory cuts could make it less likely that farms or cities will choose to give up some of their water, calling it a "zero-sum game" of sorts.

Still, anything that results in savings is a worthwhile action, he said.

"The situation in my mind is so dire, we're so close to the edge," he said in a recent interview.

The Bureau of Reclamation also said it would publish a report next year to address ways to account for evaporation, seepage and other loss as water makes its way to states, cities and tribes.

In mid-October, the bureau announced a process for paying farmers and cities in Arizona, California and Nevada to conserve Colorado River water. Under one option, they can be paid up to \$400 per acre foot of water (325,850 gallons) left in Lake Mead. So far only the Gila River Indian Community in Arizona has publicly expressed interest in that option, saying it will conserve up to 125,000 acre feet of water (40.7 billion gallons) on its reservation and offer another 125,000 acre feet of water stored underground to cities annually for the next three years. □

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The exterior of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) building in Washington on March 22, 2013.

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The amount of income tax money owed but not paid

to the IRS is projected to grow, the agency said Friday.

For tax years 2014 through 2016, the estimated gross

IRS: Growing gap between U.S. income taxes owed and paid

"tax gap" rose to \$496 billion a year, an increase of more than \$58 billion from prior estimates. IRS data released Friday projects that for 2017 to 2019, the estimated average gross tax gap will be \$540 billion per year.

Ensuring that people actually pay their taxes is one of the tax collection agency's biggest challenges.

"The vast majority of taxpayers strive to pay what they owe on time," IRS Commissioner Chuck Rettig said in a statement. "Those who do not pay their fair

share ultimately shift the tax burden to those people who do, which fuels the tax gap."

He said the agency will, among other things, focus on "those who avoid their legal responsibilities."

Biden administration officials have said that part of the money from a recent \$80 billion infusion for the IRS from the so-called Inflation Reduction Act will be used to help audit high-income earners who do not pay their full tax liability.

Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen said at a Maryland

IRS field office in September that the tax gap is estimated to be \$7 trillion in full over the next decade.

"And since the IRS has lacked the resources to effectively audit high earners — whose audits are more complex and take more time — these high earners are responsible for a disproportionate share of unpaid taxes," she said.

Republicans have claimed the IRS will be targeting the taxes of working-class Americans with armed auditing agents. Those claims are misleading. □

Intruder beat Pelosi's husband with hammer in their home

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Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — An intruder attacked and severely beat House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's husband with a hammer in the couple's San Francisco home early Friday while searching for the Democratic leader and chillingly shouting: "Where is Nancy, where is Nancy?"

Police were called to the home to check on Paul Pelosi at about 2:30 a.m. when they discovered the 82-year-old and the suspect, 42-year-old David Depape, both grabbing onto the hammer, said Police Chief William Scott. The intruder yanked it from Pelosi and began beating him before being subdued and arrested by officers.

The speaker was in Washington, where she had been scheduled to appear with Vice President Kamala Harris at a fundraising event Saturday night for the LGBTQ group Human Rights Campaign, 11 days before congressional elections that have been filled with harsh, sometimes violent rhetoric. Pelosi canceled her appearance.

The intruder's shouts in Pelosi's California home were



Paul Pelosi, right, the husband of House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, of California, follows his wife as she arrives for her weekly news conference on Capitol Hill in Washington on March 17, 2022.

Associated Press

an unsettling echo of the chants during the Jan. 6, 2021, insurrection at the Capitol, when rioters trying to stop Joe Biden's election searched menacingly through the halls for the speaker. Police said a motive for Friday's intrusion was still being determined, but three people with knowledge of the investigation told The Associated Press that Depape targeted Pelosi's home. Those people were not authorized to talk publicly about an ongoing

probe and spoke on condition of anonymity.

Police gave few details on the suspect or his motives. But the attack raised questions about the safety of members of Congress and their families. Threats to lawmakers are at an all-time high almost two years after the Capitol insurrection. In the current midterm election campaigns, crime and public safety have emerged as top concerns among Americans.

Lawmakers from both par-

ties reacted with shock and expressed their well wishes to the Pelosi family.

"What happened to Paul Pelosi was a dastardly act," said Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y. "I spoke with Speaker Pelosi earlier this morning and conveyed my deepest concern and heartfelt wishes to her husband and their family, and I wish him a speedy recovery."

Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell said on Twitter, "Horried and dis-

gusted by the reports that Paul Pelosi was assaulted in his and Speaker Pelosi's home last night. Grateful to hear that Paul is on track to make a full recovery and that law enforcement including our stellar Capitol Police are on the case."

In 2021, Capitol Police investigated around 9,600 threats made against members of Congress, and several members have been physically attacked in recent years. Former Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, D-Ariz., was shot in the head at an event outside a Tucson grocery store in 2011, and Rep. Steve Scalise, R-La., was severely injured when a gunman opened fire on a Republican congressional baseball team practice in 2017. Members of Congress have received additional dollars for security at their homes, but some have pushed for yet more protection as people have shown up at their homes and as members have received an increasing number of threatening communications. Nancy Pelosi, who is second in line of succession to the president, has a protective detail that was in Washington with her. She'd just returned this week from a security conference in Europe. □

Report shows feds gathered intel on Portland protesters

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Associated Press

SALEM, Ore. (AP) — U.S. Department of Homeland Security officials under then-President Donald Trump compiled intelligence dossiers on people who were arrested at Black Lives Matter protests in Portland, Oregon, according to a newly unredacted internal review. The 76-page report is an internal review by DHS of actions carried out by its Office of Intelligence and Analysis in June and July 2020, when militarized federal agents were deployed to Portland against people protesting police abuses in the wake of the murder of George Floyd, a Black man

who was killed by a Minneapolis police officer.

When the dossiers were being compiled, some DHS

analysts voiced concerns over the legality of collecting intelligence "on protesters arrested for trivial crimi-

nal infractions having little to no connection to domestic terrorism," the DHS report said. Some of the employees even refused to participate. Surveillance of Portland protesters in 2020 "included lists of friends, family and social media associates for people who posed no threat to homeland security," the office of U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Oregon, who obtained the report, told reporters.

"Political DHS officials spied on Oregonians for exercising their First Amendment right to protest and justified it with baseless conspiracy theories," Wyden said.

Brian Murphy, who was then the acting undersec-

retary of DHS' intelligence unit, insisted on calling violent protesters "Violent Antifa Anarchists Inspired," even though "overwhelming intelligence regarding the motivations or affiliations of the violent protesters did not exist," according to the report.

Top DHS leaders even wanted the department's Office of Intelligence and Analysis to create dossiers on everyone participating in the Portland protests, but Murphy advised that the unit could only look at people who were arrested.

The dossiers are known as baseball cards or more formally as Operational Background Reports. □



A demonstrator is pepper sprayed shortly before being arrested during a Black Lives Matter protest on July 29, 2020, in Portland, Ore.

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Deaths of 8 in Oklahoma home investigated as murder-suicide

By JILL BLEED and SEAN MURPHY

Associated Press writers

The deaths of eight family members including six children found in a burning Oklahoma home are being investigated as a murder-suicide, authorities said Friday. Police are trying to determine whether both adults were involved in the killings.

The children, who ranged in age from 1 to 13, were the victims, Broken Arrow Police Chief Brandon Berryhill said during a news conference. He did not provide their identities, ages or explain their relationships to one another except to say they were family members believed to be living in the home.

Police said both adults who live in the home were considered "primary suspects" because they were found dead in the front of the home while the children were all found in a bedroom, where the fire was contained. A police spokesman declined to say whether authorities believe the two adults were both responsible for the killings



Police and firefighters investigate the scene of a house fire with multiple fatalities in Broken Arrow, Okla., outside Tulsa, Thursday, Oct. 27, 2022.

Associated Press

or whether it could be just one of them.

"It's because investigators are still trying to piece together what happened with eight people dead," police spokesman Ethan Hutchins said in an email to The Associated Press.

Hutchins also said police would not be able to identify the dead adults until the

medical examiner's office has completed its work.

The causes of death are still under investigation but Broken Arrow Fire Department Chief Jeremy Moore said it doesn't appear that anyone died because of the fire. Guns were recovered from the home, the police chief said.

"To arrive on scene yester-

day and to see the looks on our first responders' and firefighters' faces just absolutely broke my heart," Moore said Friday.

Sara Abel, a spokeswoman for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, said the agency is assisting local police in tracing guns found in the home but she did not have

any details about the type or number of firearms.

The fire was reported about 4 p.m. Thursday in a quiet residential area of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, 13 miles (20 kilometers) southeast of Tulsa.

The two adults found dead in the front of the house had injuries that "appeared to be criminal in nature," Moore said.

The children were found dead in another area of the home, he said.

A week ago, a similar tragedy occurred in Wisconsin, where four children and two adults were found in a burning apartment in a suspected murder-suicide.

In Broken Arrow, Catelin Powers said she was driving with her children nearby when she saw a column of smoke near her house, so she drove past to investigate. Two men and a woman on her phone were standing in front of the house, Powers said, when another man emerged from the front door dragging an apparently unconscious, unresponsive woman. "Her arms were flopped to her sides," she said. □

U.S. sanctions Iranian group that put bounty on Rushdie's life

By FATIMA HUSSEIN

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. is imposing financial penalties on an Iranian-based organization that raised money to target British-American author Salman Rushdie, who was violently attacked in August at a literary event. Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control sanctioned the 15 Khordad Foundation, which issued a multimillion-dollar bounty for the killing of Rushdie. He wrote "The Satanic Verses," which some Muslims consider blasphemous.

American officials say as recently as 2012, the 15 Khordad Foundation raised its bounty to \$3.3 million, claiming the full sum would be given to anyone who assassinated Rushdie. Sanctions records show the



Author Salman Rushdie appears during the Mississippi Book Festival in Jackson, Miss., on Aug. 18, 2018.

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organization was created in 1979.

Rushdie's agent says the author has lost sight in one eye and the use of a hand as he recovers from an attack by a man who rushed the stage at the event in western New York.

An Associated Press report-

er witnessed the attacker confront Rushdie on stage at the Chautauqua Institution and stab or punch him 10 to 15 times as he was being introduced. The author was pushed or fell to the floor, and the man was arrested.

Secretary of State Antony

Blinken said the organization is also being designated for diplomatic penalties for "providing financial support for an act of terrorism." He said the U.S. condemns the attack on Rushdie "in the strongest terms as a blatant assault on freedom of speech and an act of terrorism." The sanctions and designations deny the group access to any property or financial assets held in the U.S., and the ability to travel to the U.S.

"The United States will not waver in its determination to stand up to threats posed by Iranian authorities against the universal rights of freedom of expression, freedom of religion or belief, and freedom of the press," said Brian Nelson, Treasury's under secretary for terrorism and financial intelligence.

"This act of violence, which has been praised by the Iranian regime, is appalling. We all hope for Salman Rushdie's speedy recovery following the attack on his life." The U.S. has hit Iran's government with a host of sanctions this year for a variety of actions related to human rights abuses.

Financial penalties were imposed on Iran's government after the death of 22-year-old Mahsa Amini in September. She was detained by the morality police, who said she didn't properly cover her hair with the mandatory Islamic headscarf, known as the hijab. Amini collapsed at a police station and died three days later.

Her death has sparked months of protests across the country of 80 million people. □

Blinken in Canada: Haiti military force 'work in progress'

VANCOUVER, Canada (AP)

— The U.S. and Canada will work together to "cut the insecurity knot" that has allowed gangs to create a humanitarian crisis in Haiti, U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken said Thursday. But neither Blinken nor Canadian Foreign Affairs Minister Melanie Joly committed their country to leading a military force to the Caribbean nation.

"This is a work in progress and we are continuing to pursue it," Blinken told a news conference in Ottawa during his first visit to Canada.

Blinken said Canada and the U.S. agree that "more likely needs to be done" to support the Haitian national police to restore their grip on security.

"We've been talking about what that might look like," said Blinken. "We have both been talking to a variety of countries to gauge their interest in and willingness to participate in that." Joly said Canada has sent an "assessment mission" to gather information to find the solutions that are supported by Haitians.

Haiti's interim government has operated in chaos since the July 2021 assassi-



Secretary of State Antony Blinken, left, and Canadian Minister of Foreign Affairs Melanie Joly depart a joint press conference following bilateral talks in Ottawa, Thursday, Oct. 27, 2022.

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nation of former president Jovenel Moise.

Since September, armed gangs have been blockading fuel access, leading to a shortage of basic goods, clean water and medical services, all during a cholera outbreak.

Canada and the U.S. have sent tanks, and the United Nations is considering a military intervention to restore order, which has been endorsed by Secretary-Gen-

eral Antonio Guterres.

Later, prior to a meeting with Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Blinken said Canada and the U.S. "are the two most integrated countries in the world" and have a history of working together to solve issues. "Not one of the problems that is having an effect on our own people or what we need to deal with around the world can be solved by one of us acting alone,"

he said. "The more we find ways to cooperate, to work together, the more effective we're going to be."

During the news conference Blinken and Joly reiterated their support for Ukraine, condemned Iran for its treatment of women and for supplying drones to Russia, and pledged to work together to increase Arctic security.

Blinken called Russia's use of Iranian drones to kill

Ukrainian civilians and destroy infrastructure as "appalling."

"We keep working with our allies and partners to deter and counter Iran's provision of these weapons," he said.

Joly said Canada stands with the women and girls in Iran who are fighting against tyranny.

"Women's rights are human rights," she said. "We have a moral obligation to support the brave women of Iran and hold those persecuting them accountable." There have been protests across Iran sparked by the death of Mahsa Amini who died in police custody after being arrested for allegedly wearing her hijab "improperly".

Blinken also touched on Canadian and U.S. citizens being held by other countries. Canadians Michael Spavor and Michael Kovrig were held in China for over 1,000 days in what was seen as a retaliation for the arrest in Canada of Huawei CFO Meng Wanzhou.

U.S. basketball star Brittney Griner is facing a nine-year jail term in Russia after being convicted of smuggling and possessing cannabis oil. □

EU approves ban on new combustion-engine cars from 2035

BRUSSELS (AP) — European Union lawmakers and member countries reached a deal to ban the sale of new gasoline and diesel cars and vans by 2035. The deal EU negotiators sealed Thursday night is the first agreement of the bloc's "Fit for 55" package, which the bloc's executive commission set up to achieve the goal of cutting greenhouse gas emissions by 55% over this decade.

Under the deal, carmakers will be required to reduce the emissions of new cars sold by 55% in 2030, compared to 2021, before reaching a 100% cut five years later.

The European Parliament and member states

must formally approve the agreement before it comes into force.

The European Parliament said the deal is a signal ahead of the U.N.'s annual climate change conference "that the EU is serious about adopting concrete laws to reach the more ambitious targets set out in the EU Climate Law."

According to EU data, transportation is the only sector in which greenhouse gas emissions have increased in the past three decades, rising 33.5% between 1990 and 2019. Passenger cars are a major polluter, accounting for 61% of total CO2 emissions from road transport.

The EU wants to drastically reduce emissions from

transportation by 2050 and promote electric vehicles, but a report from the bloc's external auditor showed last year that the region lacks the appropriate charging stations.

The EU Parliament said Friday that funding should be directed to help small- and medium-sized businesses that are part of the automotive supply chain, as well as vulnerable regions and communities, weather the transition to ending sales of cars that run on gas and diesel.

World leaders agreed in Paris in 2015 to work to keep global temperatures from increasing more than 2 degrees Celsius (3.6 degrees Fahrenheit), and ideally no more than 1.5



Exhaust pipes of a car are pictured in Berlin, Germany, Tuesday, Oct. 9, 2018.

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degrees C (2.7 F) by the end of the century. Scientists have said even the less ambitious goal will be missed by a wide margin unless drastic steps are taken to reduce emissions. "This is a historic decision, as it sets for the first time

a clear decarbonization pathway with targets in 2025, 2030 and 2035 and aligned with our goal of climate neutrality by 2050," Pascal Canfin, the chair of the environment committee of the European Parliament, said. □

At least 42 dead in floods, landslides in south Philippines

COTABATO, Philippines (AP)

— Flash floods and landslides set off by torrential rains swamped a southern Philippine province, killing at least 42 people, leaving 16 others missing and trapping some residents on their roofs, officials said Friday. Most of the victims were swept away by rampaging floodwaters and drowned or were hit by debris-filled mudslides in three towns in hard-hit Maguindanao province, said Naguib Sinarimbo, the interior minister for a five-province Muslim autonomous region run by former guerrillas.

The unusually intense rains were triggered by Tropical Storm Nalgae, which was expected to slam into the country's eastern coast from the Pacific Ocean on Saturday, forecasters said.

The stormy weather prompted the coast guard to prohibit sea travel in dangerously rough seas as millions of Filipinos planned to travel over a long weekend to visit the tombs of relatives and for family reunions on All Saints' Day in the largely Roman Catholic nation. "The amount of rainwater that came down overnight was unusually



In this photo provided by the Philippine Coast Guard, rescuers use boats to evacuate residents from flooded areas due to Tropical Storm Nalgae at Parang, Maguindanao province, southern Philippines on Friday Oct. 28, 2022.

Associated Press

(heavy) and flowed down mountainsides and swelled rivers," Sinarimbo told The Associated Press by telephone. "I hope the casualty numbers won't rise further but there are still a few communities we haven't reached," Sinarimbo said, adding the rains had eased since Friday morning, causing floods to start to recede in several towns.

Sinarimbo said based on reports from mayors, governors and disaster-response officials, 27 died mostly by drowning and landslides in Datu Odin Sinsuat town, 10 in Datu Blah Sinsuat town and five others in Upi town, all in Maguindanao. Six people were missing in Datu Blah Sinsuat and 10 others in Upi, Sinarimbo said.

A rescue team reported that the bodies of at least 11 villagers were recovered in Kusiong, a tribal village at the foot of a mountain in Datu Odin Sinsuat, where floods and landslides also hit houses in the community, Sinarimbo said. "They were able to rescue some earlier but now they're only trying to dig up bodies there," he said,

adding it was uncertain how many were missing in Kusiong because of confusion after the tragedy struck the community. Army officials also reported at least 42 storm deaths in Maguindanao and said in a statement that their forces were "continuing to rescue those trapped in the flood in collaboration with local disaster teams" and take the displaced in army trucks to evacuation camps.

The unusually heavy rains flooded several towns in Maguindanao and outlying provinces in a mountainous region with marshy plains. Floodwaters rapidly rose in many low-lying villages, forcing some residents to climb onto their roofs, where they were rescued by army troops, police and volunteers, Sinarimbo said.

Many of the swamped areas had not been flooded for years, including Cotabato city where Sinarimbo said his house was inundated.

"In one area in Upi only the attic of a school can be seen above the floodwater," disaster-response officer Nasrullah Imam said, referring to a flood-engulfed town in Maguindanao. □

Czechs rally to demand resignation of pro-Western government

PRAGUE (AP) — Tens of thousands of Czechs used a national holiday Friday to rally in the capital against the pro-Western government and its support for

Ukraine's fight against the Russian invasion. The rally follows two others at Prague's central Wenceslas Square and was smaller than the 70,000 who

gathered for the same reasons on Sept. 3, according to police estimates. Held under the slogan "The Czech Republic first," a reference to former U.S. President Donald Trump's nationalist platform, the protest united the far right with the far left and various fringe groups. Its organizers are known for pro-Russian views and opposition to COVID-19 vaccines.

With soaring energy, food and housing prices hitting the country, the protesters were demanding the resignation of the coalition government led by conservative Prime Minister Petr Fiala.

"Resign!" they chanted while waving the national flags. The protesters have repeatedly condemned

the government for its support of Ukraine and the European Union sanctions against Russia, opposed Czech membership in the EU, NATO and other international organizations such as the United Nations and the World Health Organization. "Russia's not our enemy, the government of warmongers is the enemy," one speaker said.

A smaller rally was held in the country's second-largest city of Brno.

The government has dismissed those demands.

"We know who's our friend and who's bleeding for our freedom," Interior Minister Vit Rakusan tweeted. "And we also know who's our enemy." Czechia has been a staunch supporter of Ukraine, donated heavy

weapons to the Ukrainian army and given about 450,000 visas to Ukrainian refugees that give them access to health care, financial help, work permits and other benefits.

Fiala and several ministers were planning to travel to Kyiv on Monday for a joint meeting of the Czech and Ukrainian governments.

"We intensively support the justified fight of the Ukrainian people against the Russian aggression," Fiala said Saturday. Although the country's populist opposition made some gains in the municipal election last month, the five ruling coalition parties won big in the vote earlier this month for one-third of the seats in Parliament's upper house, the Senate. □



A man shouts as several thousands of protesters from the far right and far left gathered to rally against the country's pro-Western Czech government at the Vencesla's Square in Prague, Czech Republic, Friday, Oct. 28, 2022.

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Introducing the fastest breaststroker in the Carifta and CCCAN regions - Mikel Schreuders



ORANJESTAD - When one thinks of Aruban Olympic Mikel Schreuders you would immediately think freestyle events, either the 50, 100 or 200 events. This calendar year 2022 has shown that he will not be confined to the category of sprint freestyler.

The CN Marseille swimmer



has now become the King of Speed from the CARIFTA and CCCAN regions in the 50 metre breaststroke. In the Olympic sized pool his national record is also the best in the CARIFTA and CCCAN region at 27.52. He created history become the Aruban to make the semi final at the World Champs in Hungary. He bettered the 2015 standard of 27.57 by the legendary George Bovell III of Trinidad and Tobago. That was the previous regional standard

course metres he did it again. In the heats of the race he set a new national record of 26.80. That eclipsed another Bovell mark of 26.81. Bovell set that mark in winning Bronze at the 2014 FINA World Cup stop in Singapore.

In the final Schreuders placed seventh in 26.83. He now has the first and third fastest marks of all time in the CARIFTA and CCCAN regions.

At the opening World Cup tour stop in Berlin in short

Information and pictures from Aruban Olympic Committee. □

Aruba Happy One Pass project was presented

ORANJESTAD - Thursday morning, minister of Tourism and Public Health, Mr. Dangui Oduber gave a presentation on the project Aruba Happy One Pass/Seamless Travel. A lot of work is being done on this project, which will create a much more pleasant experience for the tourists visiting our island.

Minister Oduber mentioned that for a while already he has been working with good collaboration with the company SITA and other stakeholders to make the project Aruba Happy One Pass/Seamless Travel a reality. This project will help promote our tourism by transforming the experience of each visitor, offering a better quality of service before they board the plane coming to our island.

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The minister explained that during the first phase of the Seamless Travel Experience, Aruba will be working closely with airlines to optimize the check-in procedure initiated by the passenger. After this, the information of the passenger will go through the SITA



system which will check right away if this matches the information that Government has approved on the ED card. These are the first steps to ensure a more comfortable and speedy experience for our visitors.

The main goal of Seamless Travel Experience is to promote a completely digital travel process, and make travelling to and from Aruba more efficient.

He said that he is sure that when the project is completed, the introduction to travel with digital credentials will attract more tourists. It will also position Aruba as a frontline in innovation and process in the entire tourism and hospitality industry while we continue protecting the quality of the product Aruba. □

Minister Oduber said in a press release that his goal is to continue creating partnerships to continue developing this project in the entire hospitality industry so that more and more stakeholders can benefit of innovation to give better service to the guests.





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As the saying goes: "Behind every successful man, is a strong woman". In the case of Ponson, this was no different. As General Store progressed and slowly became successful, Mrs. Irene Ponson, came in to assist her husband. Irene Ponson is a visionary, she knew exactly where and how to invest and within a short amount of time in 1970, General Store moved to a better location at the Steenweg. This allowed for a lot more merchandise, products and employees. Supply and demand was as such, that General Store became the number 1 electrical business. Business kept going so well that the location at the Steenweg became too small and was moved later to Dakota Shopping Paradise and later to Pedro Gallego Straat. With this move, an expansion was decided upon and an electronics store in Savaneta was opened. General Store still being very successful was ready for more growth.



Ricky, Kenneth, Corine and Frans are the fruits of this marriage. Kenneth and Frans however, decided to further develop their father's legacy and continued with their mother's dream to expand the business. An expansion not in square feet only, but in merchandise as well. A great opportunity presented itself when the Ponson family was able to buy a piece of property across from the airport. In 2007 the Ponson family moved into their brand new and huge building

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Art Week Aruba 2022

Chilean, Isidora Lopez Paz, sculptor, mosaicist and ceramist

SANNICOLAS/ARTFAIR2022: The word is out, Aruba is becoming the Art Centrum to be in, where all renowned muralist wants to exhibit their art pieces.

Aruba gathered the finest muralists from most part of the world and made the streets of San Nicolas in a want to see and want to be in, urban revolving out door Gallery.

ArtisA, the holding of all that happens with the murals and Aruba Art Fair is evolving, thinking in global happenings such as extinction of the species

Our Artist for this week is Isidora Lopez Paz Chile

Chilean, Isidora Lopez Paz, sculptor, mosaicist and ceramist, comes from a family of artists. Wonderful artist that is experimental by heart. She investigates all the fascinating possibilities

of the ceramic Raku. When asked to work in Aruba, she was inspired by the butterflies, Carnival, flowers and the colors of Aruba's flag, but also the pride of Aruba's people.

In 2016 she made the Carnival Nymph, an artwork in 3d figures. The Chilean artist used gold pieces from Germany and mirrors from Brazil and depicted Aruba's flag and the flower called Cayena, dancing and emerging as a beautiful nymph.

Isidora Lopez Paz, is a visionary. In Chile she transformed a metro station. She created over a lap of one year, eighty-three pillars and four stations, covered four thousand meters square in mosaic. At a certain time, she was leading around 80 fellow artists. The work was gigantic and beautiful. So was her inspiration of "Vogeltreppe"

in Germany. Soon Isidora Lopez Paz will start the 50 steps of Rodgers Beach. The new constructed stairs will be made in a spectacular masterpiece together with Aruba's finest mosaic artists of BAN MOZAIK! The target for 2023, Hooiberg Hill in the center of Aruba.

Art Fair 2022, November 4.5.6, 2022, will be an explosion of Arts where more than 150 local and international artists will expose their arts, and more than 15 International Artists will leave their artistic mark on Aruba's largest murals in the long NOT forgotten sunrise city San Nicolas, the Art Capital of the Caribbean, named by Forbes.

ArtisA in partnership with Aruba Tourism Authority Sui Generis invites you to follow us via www.artfairaruba.com or visit us at ArtisA Gallery in San Nicolas. □



Aruba Tourism Authority honored loyal visitors at Marriot's Aruba Surf Club



The Aruba Tourism Authority recently recognized the Emerald Ambassador of Aruba by presenting the Ambassador with the Emerald certificate as a token of appreciation for visiting the island for more than 35 years consecutively.

Honoree was:
Donna Beck resident of Georgia, United States

Ms. Olga Ruiz representing the Aruba Tourism Authority, and members of the Marriott's Aruba Surf Club bestowed the certification of the Ambassador and presented the Ambassador with

gifts, and thanked them on behalf of the Government of Aruba for choosing Aruba as their favorite vacation destination for so many years. The Honoree can now call Aruba their home away from home.

Top reason for returning to Aruba, provided by the honoree were:

Beautiful happy hosting (Honoree always feels welcomed)
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Aruba Tourism Authority honored loyal visitors at La Cabana Beach Resort Aruba



The Aruba Tourism Authority recently had the great pleasure to recognized the Distinguished Ambassadors of Aruba. The honorees were presented with the Distinguished Certification as a token of appreciation for visiting the island for 10 years consecutively

Honorees was:
Chuck & Bonnie Kraft residents of Michigan, US

Ms. Olga Ruiz representing the Aruba Tourism Authority, and members of La Cabana Beach Resort Aruba bestowed the certification of the Ambassadors and presented

the Ambassadors with gifts, and thanked the honorees on behalf of the Government of Aruba for choosing Aruba as their favorite vacation destination for so many years. The Honorees can now call Aruba their home away from home.

Top reason for returning to Aruba, provided by the honoree were:

The beauty of the island
Friendly people" One Happy Island"
Great restaurants
Beautiful beaches
Seeing friends that we have made during our visits.☐

Moving farewell to Miriam Dabian, current director of ATA Latin America

ORANJESTAD – Recently, in Bogota, Colombia took place a farewell event for Miriam Dabian, who after a successful career of almost 40 years, decided to close this cycle and dedicate time to herself and her family. During an enjoyable reception, Miriam was thanked for her hard work in the tourism industry.

On the 8th of March 1983, International Day of Women, Miriam began working for Aruba Tourism Authority. During her trajectory with ATA, Miriam held various positions as well as being in charge of different projects.

Recently Miriam shared an e-mail with ATA, titled "closing cycles", in which Miriam was telling that it isn't her preparation to leave, but rather the planning for the closure of almost 40 years



of her professional as well as personal life.

Miriam commented that "closing cycles" means that with every change in life, there needs to be an evaluation, gratitude and internal cleansing. "I thank life that gave me the opportunity to work in ATA, to meet so many beautiful people, that I could travel and I thank my colleagues. I am leaving without sadness, happy to have fulfilled my duty and work."

CEO of ATA, Ronella Croes was present at the reception and gave a moving speech regarding her experience with Miriam: "It is also the closer of a cycle for us. For our office of ATA it is difficult to imagine that after almost 40 years, Miriam will stop working with the tourism office.

But same as Miriam, we



also are thankful to Miriam for her loyalty, determination, creativity and perseverance."

Miriam had and will continue having an important role in the formation of other colleagues and professionals in the tourism industry through "La Academia de Miriam" (The Miriam Academy) as she herself called it, always focused on sharing knowledge and

experience.

In the name of ATA in Aruba, Latin America, the United States and Europe, we thank Miriam for all that she meant for tourism and LATAM, her love for the job and her passion for the island that she always showed wherever she went to shine through the decades. Thanks for all the knowledge, and much success and happiness! □

A Thousand Smiles

Last Thursday, Thousand Smiles Foundation introduced itself during a press conference at Bochinchá Container Yard.

Thousand Smiles Foundation has already been working for the community for a few years, with projects for children, couples, families and the general community through good causes. This year, the commission sat together and decided to give a name and launch the foundation officially.

Their first official event will take place on Sunday, November 20, and will be dedicated specially to children, seeing as the 20th of November is the International Day of Children's Rights.

Thousand Smiles Foundation will bring happiness to a thousand children on this day. They will distribute a thousand invitations to children from various organizations, foundations, schools, and will make some available for radio stations to raffle for the Aruban children.

With this invitation, the children will get free entrance to Bochinchá to participate and will also receive popcorn, cotton candy, face painting, Dino Jump, balloon with different shapes, soft drink and some food. There will also be games, dance shows, and to complete the beautiful afternoon, each child will receive a bag with some gifts inside.



To make this project a reality, they are asking for the community's support to adopt one or more children by giving a contribution of 25 Florins, which covers one child.

Donations can be made to Stichting I.D.D., account number 24849109 CMB and for the description, Proyecto 1000 Smiles

To register a child between 4 to 12 years old for the event, please call (+297) 594-3485

The Foundation is also calling on companies who want to join this event to also adopt a child or con-

tribute with gifts or products that can go in the gift bags for the children.

Thousand Smiles Foundation believes in the power of giving and the strength in unity. □



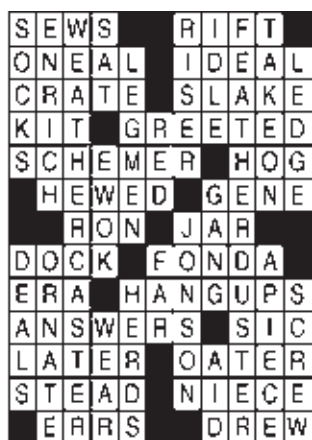
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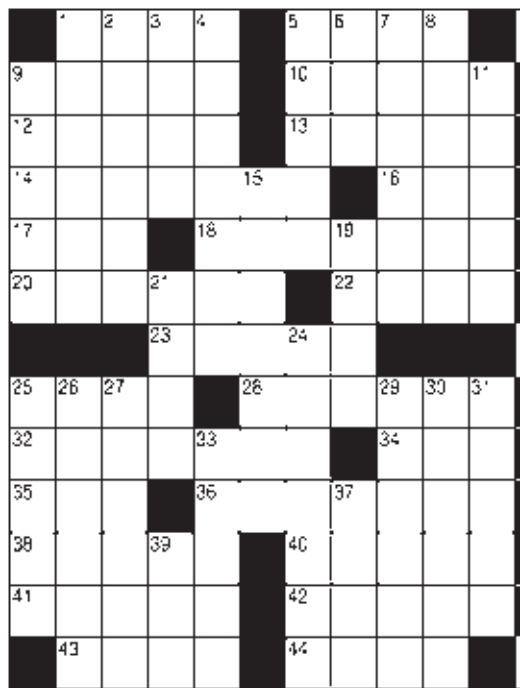
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Yesterday's answer



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One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: THERE IS A CHILD IN EVERY ONE OF US WHO IS STILL A TRICK-OR-TREATER LOOKING FOR A BRIGHTLY LIT FRONT PORCH. ROBERT BRAULT

Elon Musk takes over Twitter but where will he go from here?

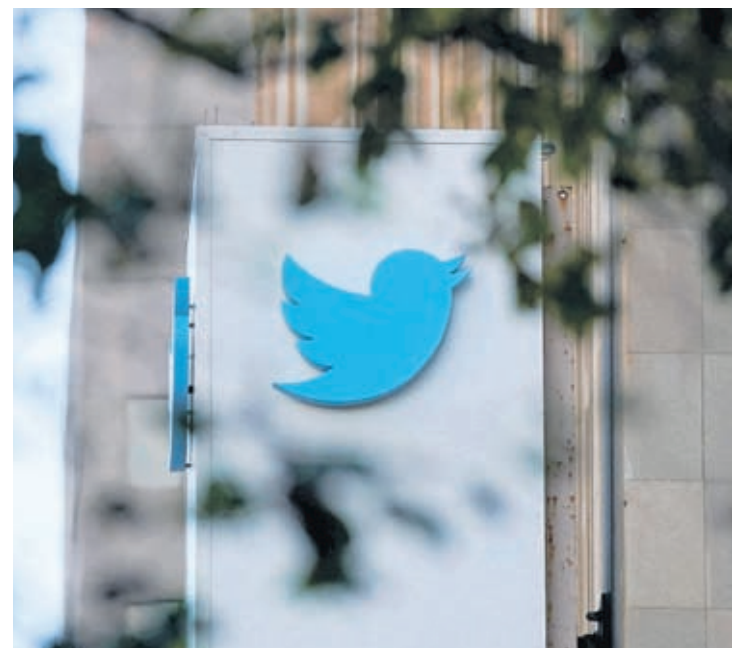
By BARBARA ORTUTAY, TOM KRISHER and MATT O'BRIEN
AP Business Writers

Elon Musk has taken control of Twitter after a protracted legal battle and months of uncertainty. The question now is what the billionaire Tesla CEO will actually do with the social media platform.

The \$44 billion takeover means Twitter is becoming a private company that everyday investors will no longer be able to buy shares in. The New York Stock Exchange suspended trading in the company's stock on Friday, and the shares will be delisted on Nov. 8, according to a filing with securities regulators.

Major personnel shakeups are widely expected and Musk ousted three top Twitter executives on Thursday, according to two people familiar with the deal. But the tech guru and self-proclaimed "Chief Twit" has otherwise made contradictory statements about his vision for the company and shared few concrete plans for how he will run it. That has left Twitter's users, advertisers and employees to parse his every move in an effort to guess where he might take the company. Many are looking to see if he will welcome back a number of influential conservative figures banned for violating Twitter's rules speculation that is only heightened by upcoming elections in Brazil, the U.S. and elsewhere.

"I will be digging in more today," he tweeted early Friday, in response to a conservative political podcaster who has complained that the platform



favors liberals and secretly downgrades conservative voices.

Former President Donald Trump, an avid tweeter before he was banned, said Friday he was "very happy that Twitter is now in sane hands" but promoted his own social media site, Truth Social, that he launched after being blocked from the more widely used platform.

Trump was banned two days after the Jan. 6 attacks for a pair of tweets that the company said continued to cast doubts on the legitimacy of the presidential election and raised risks for the presidential inauguration that Trump said he would not be attending.

Trump has repeatedly said that he will not return to Twitter even if his account is reinstated, though some allies wonder if he'll be able to resist as he moves closer to announcing another expected presidential campaign. His Twitter account remained suspended Friday.

Meanwhile, conservative

personalities on the site began recirculating long-debunked conspiracy theories, including about COVID-19 and the 2020 election, in a tongue-in-cheek attempt to "test" whether Twitter's policies on misinformation were still being enforced.

The mercurial Musk has not made it easy to anticipate him.

He has criticized Twitter's dependence on advertisers, but made a statement Thursday that seemed aimed at soothing their fears. He has complained about restrictions on speech on the platform but then vowed he wouldn't let it become a "hellscape." And for months it wasn't even clear if he wanted to control the company at all.

After Musk signed a deal to acquire Twitter in April, he tried to back out of it, leading the company to sue him to force him to go through with the acquisition. A Delaware judge had ordered that the deal be finalized by Friday.

Wedbush analyst Dan Ives estimated that Musk and his investors overpaid. Even Musk has said the \$44 billion price tag for Twitter was too high but that the company had great potential. The payment "will go down as one of the most overpaid tech acquisitions in the history of M&A deals on the Street, in our opinion," Ives wrote in a note to investors. □

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Dig finds evidence of Revolutionary War prison camp location

By **MARK SCOLFORO**
Associated Press

Researchers say they solved a decades-old riddle this week by finding remnants of the stockade and therefore the site of a prison camp in York, Pennsylvania, that housed British soldiers for nearly two years during the American Revolutionary War.

The location of Camp Security was thought to have been on land acquired by the local government nearly a decade ago. On Monday, an archaeological team working there located what they believe to be the prison camp's exterior security fence.

The camp housed more than 1,000 English, Scottish and Canadian privates and noncommissioned officers for 22 months during war, starting with a group of prisoners who arrived in 1781, four years after their surrender at Saratoga, New York. By the next year, there were some 1,200 men at the camp, along with hundreds of women and children.

Fieldwork at the site, which also includes the lower-security Camp Indulgence, has gone on for decades, but the exact spot of Camp Security where prisoners from the 1781 Battle of Yorktown, Virginia, were kept had been unknown until a telltale pattern of post holes in a foot-deep trench was uncovered.

"This has been a long project, and to finally see it come to fruition, or at least know you're not nuts, that's wonderful," said Carol Tanzola, who as president of Friends of Camp Security led fundraising for the project.

Lead archaeologist John Crawmer said the location site had been narrowed down after about 28 acres (11 hectares) were plowed for metal detection and surface collection of artifacts in 2020. That further reduced the search area to about 8 acres (3 hectares), where long explor-



In this photo provided by John Crawmer, Jane C. Skinner and Samantha Muscella excavate post holes at the bottom of a stockade trench, Thursday, Oct. 27, 2022, in York, Pa.

Associated Press

atory trenches were dug last year.

Those trenches helped the team identify post holes that in turn led to the pattern of holes and a stockade trench that matched stockades at other 18th-century military sites, Crawmer said.

Next spring, Crawmer and other researchers hope to determine the full size of the stockade and perform a focused search for artifacts within and around it. "Was it circular or square, what's inside, what's outside?" Crawmer said. "As we do that, we're going to start finding those 18th-

century artifacts, the trash pits. We'll be able to start answering questions about where people were sleeping, where they were living, where they were throwing things away, where the privies are."

Crawmer said there is evidence the vertical posts that formed the security stockade were not in the ground for very long and that they may have been dug up and reused after the camp was closed in 1783.

A contemporaneous account of camp life by a British surgeon's mate said there was a "camp fe-

ver" that might have killed some of the prisoners, and a list of Camp Security inmates was located in the British National Archives. No human remains have been found at the site. □



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Tkachuk brothers to meet in same NHL division for 1st time

By The Associated Press

Chantal Tkachuk's rule still stands.

And it remains pretty straightforward there will be no fighting.

"Absolutely still in place," Florida Panthers forward Matthew Tkachuk, the family's eldest son, said of the not-so-subtle directive.

"Set in stone," added Ottawa Senators captain Brady Tkachuk, 21 months his sibling's junior. "That rule will not be broken."

The Tkachuk brothers have played against each other plenty since Brady made his NHL debut in 2018.

There was that memorable first meeting where nearly 40 family members sported specially designed jerseys honoring the occasion.

The pair then met nine times during the NHL's pandemic-shortened 2020-21 season when Matthew's Calgary Flames and Brady's Senators suited up in the one-and-done North Division necessitated by COVID-19 travel restrictions.

But with older brother now in younger brother's Atlantic Division stomping ground with the Panthers following a summer trade from Calgary and subsequent contract extension along with an Ottawa group looking to make a playoff push following a painful, protracted rebuild the temperature of the sibling rivalry is set to be turned up.

"Really fun when we played against each other twice a year," said Mat-



Ottawa Senators' Brady Tkachuk, left, and his brother Calgary Flames' Matthew Tkachuk watch the Skills Competition, part of the NHL All-Star weekend, Friday, Jan. 24, 2020, in St. Louis.

Associated Press

thew Tkachuk, 24, who will face Brady and the Senators as true division foes for the first time Saturday when Florida hosts Ottawa.

"But now the games, they matter a lot. Before they didn't matter as much."

Brady Tkachuk agreed there will be an adjustment to the new dynamic.

"Definitely gonna be weird," said the 23-year-old, who like his brother is signed long-term. "But we're both excited for it. It's not going to be all the spectacle that it used to be. There's going to be some big divisional games, and we're potentially going to play in the playoffs."

"Going to be stressful for the parents, especially my

mom, but it's exciting."

St. Louis forward Robert Thomas lived with the Tkachuks' father, Keith, who played 18 NHL seasons, and Chantal Tkachuk during his first two professional campaigns.

Matthew and Brady were out of the house and in the league by then, but around during the spring of 2019 as the Blues marched to their first Stanley Cup.

"They love competing against each other," Thomas said. "I don't know what's gonna happen there. I don't know how Chantal is gonna maneuver that one."

"But it'll be pretty fun to watch."

Vegas Golden Knights cap-

tain Mark Stone, who took Brady under his wing in Ottawa before getting traded, will also tune in when the Tkachuks meet.

"It'll be fun to have those two playing," he said. "Two good teams in that division going forward."

There's no doubt the Tkachuks they also have a younger sister, Taryn support each other when not going nose-to-nose on the ice.

Brady made waves on social media in last spring's playoffs when he was in Calgary cheering on the Flames, usually with a couple beers in tow.

"Tons of the guys on the team had family there doing the same thing," Mat-

thew Tkachuk said. "The difference is Brady just plays in the NHL, so he's a little more recognizable."

"I loved it."

New Jersey Devils center Jack Hughes has played against his brother Quinn, a star defenseman with the Vancouver Canucks, in the NHL.

"First few shifts, you're kind of laughing about it," Jack Hughes said of sibling games. "(The Tkachuks) are different than me and Quinn. They're pretty in-your-face. I wouldn't be surprised if something weird happened between those two."

"I was asking someone if we're gonna see a Tkachuk fight this year," Quinn Hughes said.

"I hope not, but you never know." Dallas Stars goaltender Jake Oettinger, who played with Brady Tkachuk at Boston University and the 2018 world junior hockey championship for the U.S., also isn't convinced the "no fighting" decree can withstand the individual desire to eventually grasp hockey's ultimate prize.

"That's the best part about those two," Oettinger said. "They're brothers and best friends and close, but once the puck drops ... I'm sure those guys will fight at some point in their careers."

"They're two of the best players in the league. It's gonna be exciting."

The Tkachuks, however, are adamant about potential fisticuffs. □



Spain's Carlos Alcaraz returns a ball to Spain's Pablo Carreno Busta during their quarterfinal match at the Swiss Indoors tennis tournament at the St. Jakobshalle in Basel, Switzerland, Friday, Oct. 28, 2022.

Associated Press

Alcaraz, Auger-Aliassime to meet in Swiss Indoors semifinals

BASEL, Switzerland (AP) — Top-ranked Carlos Alcaraz will face No. 9 Felix Auger-Aliassime in the Swiss Indoors semifinals after both advanced in straight sets Friday.

Alcaraz, who won the U.S. Open last month, clinched a 6-3, 6-4 win against fellow Spaniard Pablo Carreno Busta with a service winner. "It is difficult to play against a friend like Pablo," the 19-year-old Alcaraz said in

a post-match interview on court. "Every day we go and have dinner, lunch together."

Auger-Aliassime hit 31 winners and made just four unforced errors in a 6-2, 6-3 win over Alexander Bublik.

The 22-year-old Canadian is seeking a third straight title after wins in Florence, Italy and Antwerp, Belgium this month and has not faced a break point on his serve in three matches at

Basel.

Auger-Aliassime landed in Alcaraz's half of the draw as the third-seeded player in Basel. Second-seeded Casper Ruud lost in the first round to Stan Wawrinka.

Wawrinka was on court after Alcaraz in a quarterfinal against sixth-seeded Roberto Bautista Agut.

The late match was between 19-year-old Holger Rune and Arthur Rinderknech. □

NFL trade deadline isn't so boring anymore

By **ROB MAADDI**

AP Pro Football Writer

Christian McCaffrey already played his first game with the San Francisco 49ers. Robert Quinn and James Robinson joined their new teams this week. More players will be on the move by Tuesday.

The NFL trade deadline is far more exciting than it used to be.

"I think really it depends on the team's philosophical approach and I think there's teams that have done it a certain way that have had an incredible amount of success for a really long period of time," Los Angeles Rams coach Sean McVay said. "Then there's some different approaches where you want to take advantage of being in those windows if you will call it that way."

The Rams are known for being aggressive. General manager Les Snead's "Bleep them picks" philosophy helped Los Angeles win the Super Bowl last season. The Rams acquired star pass rusher Von Miller from Denver one day before the trade deadline after dealing a slew of draft picks in trades for quarterback



Chicago Bears defensive end Robert Quinn (94) rushes during the first half of an NFL football game against the New England Patriots, Monday, Oct. 24, 2022, in Foxborough, Mass.

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Matthew Stafford and running back Sony Michel before the season.

"It takes a great owner that gives you the willingness to not only be able to make some of those decisions, but also giving you the freedom to fail because not every single decision we've made has been perfect," McVay said. "I don't think we're afraid to admit that either, but you try to learn from it and then you

continue to shoot your shot and that's what we're going to do, that's what we'll always do, and it's how we like to live." Aiming to compete with the Rams (3-3) in the NFC West, the 49ers (3-4) traded picks in the 2023 second, third and fourth rounds and a 2024 fifth-rounder to Carolina for McCaffrey. The undefeated Philadelphia Eagles (6-0) sent a fourth-round pick to Chicago for Quinn,

the three-time Pro Bowl defensive end. Quinn has one sack this season after breaking Hall of Famer Richard Dent's franchise record with 18 1/2 sacks last year. The New York Jets (5-2) quickly moved to get Robinson from Jacksonville after losing rookie running back Breece Hall to a season-ending knee injury. The Jets gave the Jaguars a conditional late-round draft pick for Robinson.

Browns running back Kareem Hunt, Rams running back Cam Akers, Steelers wide receiver Chase Claypool, Broncos wide receiver Jerry Jeudy, Texans wide receiver Brandin Cooks and Broncos edge rusher Bradley Chubb are among the players who might end up on new teams before Tuesday's deadline at 4 p.m. EDT. Denver is 2-5 so a loss to Jacksonville in London on Sunday could impact general manager George Paton's approach.

"We're going to do what's best for the team," Paton said when asked about being sellers. A couple weeks before Miller was traded last October, the Eagles sent three-time Pro Bowl tight end Zach Ertz to Arizona for a rookie cornerback and a fifth-round pick. The Patriots traded five-time Pro Bowl cornerback Stephon Gilmore to the Panthers for a 2023 sixth-round pick.

In 2020, defensive ends Carlos Dunlap and Yannick Ngakoue, defensive back Desmond King and linebackers Kwon Alexander and Avery Williamson were among the notable players traded ahead of the deadline. □

Bowman cleared to return from concussion at NASCAR finale

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Alex Bowman will return for the NASCAR season finale after missing five races with a concussion suffered in a crash in the new Next Gen car.

Hendrick Motorsports said Bowman will be back in the No. 48 Chevrolet next weekend at Phoenix Raceway, his home track. The team said the Tucson native was medically cleared to return following a Thursday evaluation by Dr. Micky Collins, clinical director of the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center Sports Medicine Concussion Program.

Collins became a NASCAR driver favorite following his treatment of Hall of Famer Dale Earnhardt Jr. It was Earnhardt's own struggle with concussions

that helped Bowman get his ride at Hendrick as Earnhardt's injury replacement. Bowman suffered his concussion in a Sept. 25 crash at Texas Motor Speedway. The injury knocked him out of the playoffs.

"We're thrilled Alex is 100% and will have the opportunity to race at his home track," said Jeff Andrews, president and general manager of Hendrick Motorsports. "Throughout this process, he's been incredibly diligent about following the advice of his doctors and prioritizing his health." Noah Gragson will drive for Bowman this Sunday for a fifth consecutive race. The No. 48 team had already prepared for Gragson to race Sunday at Martinsville Speedway in Virginia when Bowman's medical clear-

ance came through.

"Due to the timing, everyone agreed it was best to stick with our plan for Martinsville and allow the team to fully prepare for Alex's return next weekend," Andrews said. "We're grateful to Noah for stepping in and doing a terrific job under difficult circumstances."

Bowman and Kurt Busch are the only two drivers to miss races this season with concussions, both suffered in crashes that had been seemingly routine in NASCAR's old car. Both cars hit the wall from the rear, but the new Next Gen was built to be so durable that a large percentage of the energy in rear impacts is absorbed by the driver. Busch has not raced since and said he's retiring from full-time competition. At



NASCAR Cup Series driver Alex Bowman waves prior to the NASCAR Cup Series auto race at the New Hampshire Motor Speedway, Sunday, July 17, 2022, in Loudon, N.H.

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least two other drivers have suspected they've had concussions.

NASCAR has been working on a fix to the stiffness in the rear of the car and, after Bowman's concussion caused the drivers to

begin publicly attacking NASCAR's slow response to the issue, series leadership began meeting weekly with drivers to discuss safety concerns.

Any fixes won't be applied until next season. □

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